(c) No, Sir. Before giving any price increase, the purchase invoices are verified by the Committee.

(d) Ministry of Health has not recommended for any change of category for drugs used in National Health Programmes pertaining to Leprosy, TB and Prevention of Dehydration due to diarrhoea except for the drug Rifampicin. This was suggested to ensure abundant production and availability.

Providing Railway Line between Chandigarh and Ludhiana

2667. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no second thought has, so far, been given for providing Chandigarh-Ludhiana railway line, to link the important city of Chandigarh with other towns of Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the matter is likely to be taken up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR RASAD): (a) Chandigarh and Ludhiana are already connected by a B.G line via Ambala. A survey was conducted for a direct Chandigarh-Ludhiana rail link in 1973 and the proposal was assessed to be financially unremunerative.

(b) and (c) Construction of direct Chandigarh-Ludhiana rail line is not programmed in view of its unremunerativeness and constraint of resources.

Improving the Rail Services to Chandigarh

2668. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Tribune dated the 5th August, 1988, under the caption 'Poor rail service to city'; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to improve the rail services to Chandigarh and to provide better reservation and other facilities to the passengers there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The facilities at Chandigarh are considered adequate to cater to the existing volume of traffic. Additional trains or slip coaches will be considered based on the needs of traffic and terminal and line capacity. Himalayan Queen was introduced to provide a fast day service between New Delhi and Chandigarh/Kalka. Steps are already afoot to providing larger accommodation for the City Reservation Office.

Discrepancies in the pay scales of Music Teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathhan and Delhi Administration Schools

2669. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any discrepancies in the pay scales of Music Teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas and those serving in the Delhi Administration school;

(b) whether All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has requested to remove the same;

(c) whether Government have decided to accede to their demand; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI):